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1. The restoration of new buildings as well as the maintenence of the old buildings is currently being carried out by the R. Bencic (formerly Kussar, formerly Skull) industrial establishment in Rijeka. The work is being carried out both by civilians and by military elements of labor battalions.
 2. The factory is under the direction of an unnamed major of the Yugoslav Navy who is assisted by two unnamed engineers. The management staff consists of approximately sixty employees of both sexes. The laboring staff of the establishment consists of approximately one thousand laborers and about two hundred apprentices of both sexes. The latter, of varying ages between 14 and 20, are from interior regions of Yugoslavia and are subjected to a theoretical-practical apprenticeship lasting six months.
 3. The production of the various sections is directed and controlled by a commission composed of six officers of the Yugoslav Navy. Approximately two hundred soldiers from labor battalions work in the factory and are commanded by a political commissar. These soldiers are quartered in barracks located in the Borgo Marina locality on the highway linking the 3 May shipyards and Opatija. The establishment is guarded by ten watchmen.
 4. The following sections are operative in the factory:
 - a. Section I: includes the turners, machine operators machine workshop, precision machinery, and heavy machinery workshops.
 - 1) The turner's workshop, headed by a certain Ciani, employs approximately one hundred skilled laborers. The workshop has approximately one hundred and twenty machines. This section produces the following equipment:
 - a) Ship propellers of lengths and diameters varying respectively from four to eight meters, and from six to ten centimeters. The manufacture of 500 such propellers has been planned. Approximately 200 have already been completed.
 - b) Portholes of varying diameters from 10 to 45 centimeters.

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- 2) The machine workshop is headed by an unnamed laborer recently transferred from the Aleksandar Rankovic torpedo works and has a staff of approximately forty skilled workers. The machinery consists of approximately forty machines of Swiss and German manufacture. In addition, there is some machinery for the construction of injector pumps of the Bosch type. An unspecified number of these Bosch injector pumps have already been constructed and tested. Currently, injector pumps for 150 horsepower naphtha-driven motors are under construction.
- 3) The precision machinery workshop is headed by a certain Ciabran and is staffed by approximately sixty skilled workers. The machinery consists of approximately twenty precision grinders and drills. The output consists of apparatus for the mass production of machinery, tools, et cetera. Approximately thirty laborers are employed on repairs of tool machinery received as reparations from Germany.
- 4) The heavy machinery workshop is headed by a certain Bressan and is staffed by approximately one hundred skilled workers. The machinery is varied and consists of planing machines, cutter, and drilling equipment. The production consists of:
 - a) Telegraph machines.
 - b) Portholes.
 - c) Rudders for motor patrol vessels.
 - d) Water pipes and bathtubs for ships.
 - e) The mounting of motor-driven winches for cables or medium wide chains. These winches are installed on board ships. Recently some of these have been sent to the Karlovac factory. Eight have been completed and others are still under construction at the R. Bencic factory.
- b. Section II: Consists of the foundry and is headed by a foreman named Filepic. This section is staffed by approximately eighty skilled workers. Currently the factory is equipped with four furnaces and a 15 ton crane. The construction of other furnaces has been projected. The R. Bencic factory still uses the old foundry equipped with two furnaces. The output of Section II consists of:
 - 1) Three-bladed bronze ship propellers with diameters varying between 0.5 and 2.2 meters. Thirty ship propellers with diameters of 0.5 meters were recently completed.
 - 2) Bronze, shaft-supporting tripods. One hundred of these have recently been completed.
- c. Section III: This section is staffed by approximately seventy laborers, consisting of carpenters, draftsmen and bricklayers. The output consists of fittings for ships' cabins and bridges as well as profiles for the foundry.

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